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## LAST EFFORT TO RESCUE DESERTER

Rommel's Remaining Force Trying, With Heavy Losses, to Resume Flight Westward in Grenia  
—British Advance Columns Already in Rear of Enemy—Many Prisoners Are Taken

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (AP)—The last organized units of the Axis desert army attempted to make a stand tonight night miles south of British-controlled Benghazi, along the coast formed by the shores of the Gulf of Sirte.

## CALLS FOR SACRIFICE

His Majesty Urges British Peoples to Face Future Chivalry Together  
LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The King broadcast his last wartime Christmas message to the British people from his home at Sandringham, Norfolk, on Thursday night.

## ASSUMES POST AT SINGAPORE

Li-Gen, Sir Henry Pownall Now Commanders British In Far East  
LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Sir Henry Pownall has assumed command of the British forces in the Far East.

## MALEY SITUATION LITTLE CHANGED

Japanese Army Confined to Patrol Areas at Several Points  
The Malaya situation remains little changed, according to reports from the front.

## Home Guard of Skiers Forming

RAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—A new kind of home guard is being formed in the California ski resorts.

## Two Killed in Edmonton Traffic

EDMONTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Two people were killed and three injured in traffic accidents in Edmonton today.

## TODAY'S FEATURES

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## President and Prime Minister Confer



President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill in conversation at the White House in Washington, D.C. The two leaders are seen in a moment of discussion, with Churchill standing and Roosevelt seated.

## Hongkong Lost to Enemy After Gallant Struggle Against Terific Odds

Graphic Story Told by London War Office of Brave But Futile Defense in Which Canadians Played Big Part—Particulars of Fighting Are Meager as Yet

## Conservative Party Leader Has Influence

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party, was today in Ottawa, where he is expected to play a significant role in the upcoming election.

## Stonewall With Canadians Who Went to Orient

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Canadian government is today seeking information about the whereabouts of Canadians who have been reported to have traveled to the Orient.

## THREE POWERS FORM COUNCIL

Britain, United States and China in Complete Harp on War Plans  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (AP)—An ABC military council has been formed by the United States, Britain, and China to coordinate their war efforts.

## REACH HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER

Crew of Foul Weathered Aircraft Found Safe at Port—No Fatalities  
LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The crew of a four-engine aircraft that was reported missing in action has been safely located and returned home.

## Churchill Confident Of Success at End Of Long, Hard Road

British Prime Minister Given Great Ovation When Addressing Joint Session of United States Congress in the Senate Chamber  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A long, hard road had been ahead for the Allied nations, Prime Minister Churchill declared today, but he was confident of success at the end of the long, hard road.

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## FINNISH CLAIM REPULSE OF ATTACK ON NORTHERN FRONT

Over Thirty Additional Localities Liberated From Nazi by Red Army Forces Nearing Warsaw  
—Advances of Russian Continues on All Sectors of the Eastern Front  
MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Saturday) (AP)—The Russians announced today that they had liberated over thirty additional localities in the northern sector of the Eastern Front.

## Big Fight in PHILIPPINES

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## THOUSANDS MORE LAND

Another Big Canadian Contingent of Soldiers and Airmen in England  
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 26 (AP)—A large contingent of Canadian soldiers and airmen has arrived in England.

## ENEMY ACTIVE IN GILBERT ISLANDS

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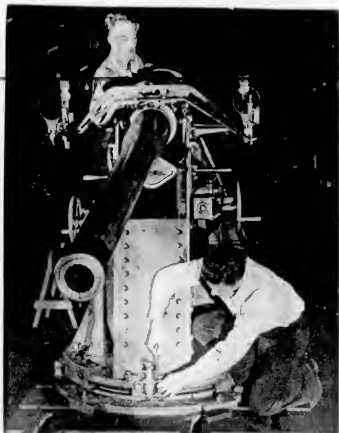








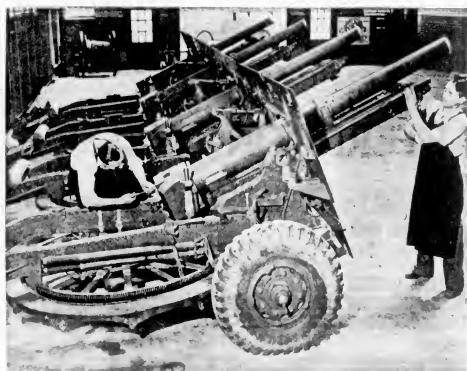
# Here and There in Canadian Gun Factories



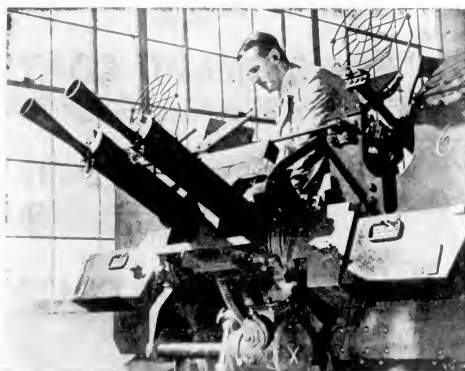
Before the war Canada manufactured no guns. Today it is one of the most important contributors to the artillery of freedom. These Canadian-made twelve-pounder guns will help protect the Empire's merchant shipping.



Quantity production is now under way on the two-pounder anti-tank gun. There are 500 parts in each of these weapons and their manufacture requires a high degree of skill. The gun, which costs close to \$2,800, fires an armor-piercing shell designed to rip into the interior of a tank or destroy its metal tracks. More than 2,000 workmen are employed in the two plants producing them.



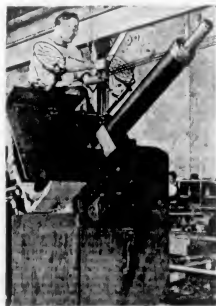
Twenty-five pounder field guns of the most modern design are being produced at the big plant of Sorel Industries, Ltd., in Quebec Province. They are being turned out at an average rate of fifty per month. The complete process—from scrap iron to finished gun—is done at the one plant. Each gun costs \$25,000.



Mountings for Vickers machine guns are being made in an Ontario plant originally meant to be a shoe factory. Its transformation is an example of how hundreds of factories, large and small, have been enlisted into the industrial war effort. The guns themselves will be in production early in 1942.



Capable of firing 135 40-mm shells a minute, the Bofors light anti-aircraft gun is a formidable weapon. It has 2,000 individual parts and is made complete with mounting, in one plant. The Bofors built its shell to an altitude of 20,000 feet.



Mountings of two-pounder anti-aircraft pom-pom guns are being made in Canada. The gun itself will be ready for production at the beginning of the year.



Canada builds two-inch and three-inch trench mortars as well as such small arms as Bren and Browning machine guns and Lee-Enfield rifles. These photos were made by Harry Rowed, staff photographer of Public Information.

# Spencer's Annual Clearance of COATS, DRESSES and MILLINERY

Commences Today, December 27



## TRIMMED COATS

COATS of fine quality material. Smart fitted and boxy styles. Shades of green, wine, blue, brown and black. Squirrel and lamb trim. Coat formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$16.50

Sizes 14 to 44

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COATS of imported material. Smart fitted and boxy styles. Shades of green, wine, blue, brown and black. Squirrel and lamb trim. Coat formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$24.50

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### GREAT SALE OF MILLINERY MODELS TODAY

Colored and Black Models Reduced to Exactly HALF PRICE

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## AFTERNOON DRESSES

### DRESSES

Of all styles. Smart fitting, A and round necklines. Shades of green, wine, blue and black. Dress formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$16.50

### AFTERNOON DRESSES

Of heavy quality fabric. Designed for flatters, smart fitting. Shades of green, wine, blue and black. Dress formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$8.50

### TEA-TIME DRESSES

Of elegant fabric. Designed for flatters, smart fitting. Shades of green, wine, blue and black. Dress formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$12.50

### DRESSES

That have been chosen for their quality fabric. Smart fitting. Shades of green, wine, blue and black. Dress formerly \$25.00. Clearance Price \$16.50

Shades of green, wine, blue and black

## SEMI-ANNUAL FRENCH ROOM SALE 20% OFF

STREET - AFTERNOON - EVENING DRESSES AND SUITS

—From 8:00 to 10:00

### What Today Means

"CAPTIVITY"  
If December 27 is your birthday, the two hours for you on this date are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The danger period is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

A spirit of contrivance will be the primary cause of many people being victims on December 27, so you will have to be careful in this respect. If you are a woman, and if you are a man, you will be in danger. If you are a woman, and if you are a man, you will be in danger. If you are a woman, and if you are a man, you will be in danger.

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Learning to ever in the tradition of it youth, even for the old and young, and they will have the most important part in the life of the nation. If you are a woman, and if you are a man, you will be in danger.

### War Council to Meet This Week

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (AP)—Minister Francis Forde announced today that a meeting of the Australian War Council and the Cabinet would be held this week at which it would be the members of the War Council with several other members of the cabinet of Australia and the War Council.

Mr. Forde added that Major-General Westcott had returned from the Middle East with valuable information on the armed forces there and the strategy used during the present campaign. General Westcott is believed that he will soon be back in Australia with other European military men.

















# A Mart for Busy Readers—Property for Sale or Trade

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Out-of-town subscribers who wish to place advertisements in this paper, or who wish to place orders for advertising space, may do so by mail. The Colonial will be glad to accept orders and communicate with you by mail.

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(PROPERTY, COMPANIES AND OTHERS)

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